

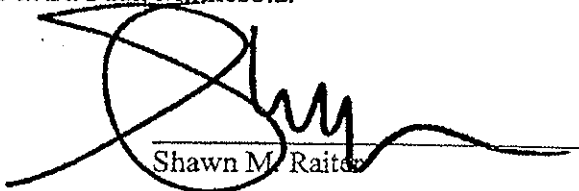
DECLARATION OF SHAWN M. RAITER
IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMENTS OF
THE COALITION FOR SAFE BUILDING MATERIALS

Date: August 8, 2008

1. I am an attorney at law employed by the firm of Larson • King, LLP in St. Paul, Minnesota.
2. I represent numerous plaintiffs who have suffered damages to their homes as a result of the failure of PEX fittings. On behalf of these clients, I am an attorney of record in the class action lawsuit *Denise Cox and Terry Cox v. Zurn PEX, Inc.*, filed in Minnesota on August 8, 2007 as well as other similar lawsuits in other states.
3. I have personally interviewed my clients regarding the damages they suffered from the failure of PEX fittings and have reviewed expert reports on the scope of such damage. I have also personally inspected dwellings and other buildings where PEX fittings have failed.
4. PEX fittings do not always fail catastrophically. They instead often begin to slowly leak water. In many instances, these leaks have gone unnoticed for significant periods of time, as evidenced by the nature of the damage once the leaks were discovered.
5. Among the damages suffered by property owners as a result of the failure of PEX fittings are mold problems that occurred when failure went undiscovered for some period of time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed August 8, 2008 at St. Paul, Minnesota.


Shawn M. Raiter